# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3032
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SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING STATION
Topdar Shri Tarit Baran

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of Submarine Cable Landing Stations functioning in the country as on date;

(b) the owners and the locations of these Submarine Cable Landing Stations;

(c) whether the Government had given assurance to the State Government of West Bengal in March, 2006 for setting up of a Submarine Cable Landing Station in West Bengal; and

(d) if so, the status of the project?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) The total number of Submarine Cable Landing Stations working in the country as on 30-11-2006 is Eight (08). The details are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. A joint venture company Millenium Telecom Limited (MTL) has been formed with equity participation of M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and M/s Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) to carry out the project. Consultant for the project has been appointed and presently various preparatory works are going on like feasibility studies, identification of Landing countries/partners, finalization of MOU with landing countries/partners and preparation of Tender Documents.